

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (previously amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (previously presented), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 9, 14, 17 AND 18 in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) A method for setting up a connection between a local communication facility and a central communication facility, comprising the steps of:
entering a specific telephone number on said local communication facility;
initializing, by said local communications facility in response to said step of entering a specific telephone number, a setup of a connection between said local communication facility and said central communication facility;
activating, by a central control unit of said central communication facility, a callback module of said central communication facility;
terminating said setup of said connection without making said connection; ~~and~~
allowing a user to determine whether the central control unit will activate a call back module, by allowing the user enter a predetermined key combination during setup; and
automatically initializing a setup, by said central control unit, of a new connection between said central communication facility and said local communication facility by accessing said callback module.
2. (original) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of identifying a subscriber using said local communication facility before said callback module is activated.
3. (original) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein said subscriber is identified using a subscriber-specific codeword and a facility-internal telephone number associated with said subscriber in said central communication facility.
4. (original) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of terminating said setup of said connection between said local communication facility and said central communication facility only after entry of a specific key combination on said local communication facility.

5. (original) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein said new connection is set up using a telephone number which is automatically transmitted from said local communication facility to said central communication facility as part of said connection setup.

6. (original) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein said new connection is set up using a telephone number which is transmitted to said central communication facility together with said specific key combination.

7. (original) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein said new connection is set up using a telephone number which is stored in a database of said central communication facility.

8. (original) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
starting a timer in said central communication facility when said setup of said connection has been terminated; and
initializing said setup of said new connection only when said timer has run out.

9. (currently amended) A communication installation, comprising:
access units for connecting communication terminals and communication networks to said communication installation; and
a central control unit for controlling functions of said communication installation, comprising a callback module and a database;
said central control unit being designed such that it terminates a setup of a connection without making the connection, the setup being initialized by an entry of a specific telephone number on a remote communication terminal, the connection being between said remote communication terminal and said communication installation by accessing said callback module and said database, the central control unit automatically initializing a setup of a new connection by said communication installation, the central control unit allowing a user to determine whether to activate the callback module, by allowing the user to enter a predetermined key combination during setup.

10. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connection is through an ISDN useful data channel.

11. (previously presented) A communication installation according to claim 9, wherein the connection is through an ISDN useful data channel.

12. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connection is a bi-directional, time division multiplex connection.

13. (previously presented) The communication installation according to claim 9, wherein the connection is a bi-directional, time division multiplex connection.

14. (currently amended) A method for setting up a connection between a local communication facility and a central communication facility, comprising:

entering a ~~specific~~limited-purpose, automatic callback telephone number on said local communication facility;

communicating the telephone number to the central control communication facility via a first connection;

initializing, after entering the specific telephone number, a setup of a second connection between said local communication facility and said central communication facility;

activating, by a central control unit of said central communication facility, a callback module of said central communication facility;

terminating setup of the second connection without making the second connection; and

automatically initializing setup, by said central control unit, of a third connection between said central communication facility and said local communication facility by accessing said callback module.

15. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the first connection is over a signaling channel, and the second and third connections are over useful data channels.

16. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein setup of the second connection is initialized by the local communication facility.

17. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the third connection is through an ISDN useful data channel.

18. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the third connection is a bi-directional, time division multiplex connection.